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THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN : I said that because there was not adequate staff, there was some delay. Now that special staff has been sanctioned, the work is almost completed.

SRI K. ARANGANATHAN : Is the Hon. Minister aware of the fact that Service Registers have not been maintained for the last three or four years for the teachers in Harijan Welfare schools in South Arcot district? It is not even possible with the existing staff to bring all the Service Registers up to date within a short time. As such, may I request the Hon. Minister to increase the staff for that section so that the Service Registers may be maintained up to date and increments passed early?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN : It is true that Service Registers were not maintained not only in South Arcot district but in other districts also. But the work in South Arcot district does not warrant sanction of additional staff. Therefore, the Collector has been asked to carry on the work without additional staff. He has promised to do so by the end of this year. If by the end of this year the work is not completed, we will consider the question of increase of staff.

Admission Committees of Government Colleges

* 2814 *Q.*—SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have laid down any rules regarding the appointment of members to the Admission Committees of Government Colleges ; and

(*b*) if so, whether a copy of these rules will be laid on the table of the House?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (*a*) No, Sir.

(*b*) Does not arise.

SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR : May I know whether the appointments are made *ad hoc* annually and capriciously?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : They are no doubt made *ad hoc* annually. I do not know about capriciousness. That is left to the hon. Member to judge.

Government Milk Factory, Teynampet

* 2815 *Q.*—SRI P. RANGASWAMI REDDIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) the cost of the machinery originally set up in the Government Milk Factory at Teynampet for the production of reconstituted milk ;

(*b*) whether any additional machinery has been set up for the production of toned milk in the said factory and if so the cost thereof ;

(*c*) the normal production of milk in that factory ;

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(*d*) the average annual profit during the past three years from the said factory;

(*e*) the relative advantages and disadvantages between the reconstituted milk and toned milk;

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: (*a*) The cost of machinery originally set up in the Government Milk Factory for the production of reconstituted milk was Rs. 3,32,835.

(*b*) No additional machinery has so far been set up for the production of toned milk in the factory.

(*c*) The present normal daily production of toned milk in the factory is about 4,000 to 5,000 lb.

(*d*) The average of the profit for three years ending 1953–54 is Rs. 25,471.

(*e*) The Expert Committee constituted by the Government under the Chairmanship of Dr. Lakshmanaswamy Mudaliar to examine the working of the Government Milk Factory, reported that the preparation of reconstituted milk was not satisfactory as shown by the biological examination of the nutritive value of the reconstituted milk. The Government on the recommendation of the Expert Committee, have therefore ordered the manufacture of toned milk in the factory, which has been found to be equivalent in nutritive value to fresh cow's milk on analysis by the Biochemistry Department of the Madras University.

Hospitals and rural dispensaries without doctors

* 2816 *Q.*—SRI N. K. PALANISAMY: Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state the number of hospitals and rural dispensaries in the State that are without doctors from 1st January 1955?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY: The number of hospitals and rural dispensaries that were without doctors for short periods from 1st January 1955 are 20 and 68 respectively.

SRI N. K. PALANISAMY: May I know whether there is any proposal before the Government to provincialize the rural dispensaries and hospitals?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY: There is a proposal for provincializing some of them during the Second Five-Year Plan period.

SRI K. ARANGANATHAN: May I know whether any dispensary has been closed for a short time during this period?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY: That is what I said. Twenty regular hospitals and dispensaries and 68 rural dispensaries remained closed.